

# MINUTES

## NORTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

### Meeting

Thursday 07<sup>th</sup> June 2018

7.00pm. Newcastle Climbing Centre, Newcastle.

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Mark Anstiss welcomed everyone to the meeting

In attendance

Mark Anstiss

Jon Punshon

Simon Litchfield

Chris Bullock

Franco Cookson

Mike Conlon

Chair / National council

National Council

Secretary

Youth

Access North

Access South

Dave Turnbull BMC

Les Ainsworth

Steve Blake

12 in attendance

Mike Fachini

Sarah Hawker

Bob McAdam

#### 2. Apologies and Absence

Mark Goodings

Graham Harkness

John Heron

Steve Heiniger

Walls.

Alan Hinkes

Sarah Johnson

Philip Powell

Martin Ballantine

#### 3. Minutes of previous Meeting

Mark Anstiss ran through the minutes from the previous meeting 08/02/2018. Accepted as fair and true. No matters arising from previous minutes

#### 4. Festival Of Climbing 2019

- Northumberland (NY was last year) - Last two were in Wooler. Suggestion of Bellingham / North Tyne Valley?
- Franco Cookson / Steve Blake / Simon Litchfield/ Mike Conlon to convene a sub-panel

#### 5. Forthcoming events

None reported (except see: youth report)

## 6. Co-ordinators Reports

### Access North

- Howlerhirst ban lifted unless nesting peregrine nesting reported.
- Kyloe In – No reported access issues. Social media used to raise parking awareness.
- SB – reported a conversation with a landowner about High Crag approaches. Still to be acted upon further.

### Access South

- Ornithological developments. Climbers now safe from Pterodactyls in various locations.
- Clemmitts access issues. Ban articulated by head keeper. Not open access land. Close to national cycle hub and the MTB trails development may be antagonising the situation.
  - o Have spoken to head keeper who is permitting climbing at Danby. Note: there are typically three levels of engagement: land owner / agency / usage (gamekeeper).

### Youth

- See report appended

### Clubs

- Call for members to fill this role as it is vacant.
- Most of the clubs' committee time has been working on ORG matters
- New 'club' in North of the area – 'Newcastle upon Climb' Facebook group but not affiliated to BMC. Concerns have been raised over conduct of large group (~20) at Shafto, and poor top rope technique at Corbys, which suggests the group are relatively inexperienced and could benefit from some guidance.
  - o Possibly BMC to reach out to them. re liabilities, best practice, etiquette etc.

MA TO ACTION

## 7. Organisational Review (ORG) and the recent work of the Implementation Group (IG)

See report appended

MA (augmented by DT) reported on developments:

- Majority of the Board (at least 7) will have to have been BMC members for at least 12 months
- Membership will vote on majority of Board Members at AGM
- Chair of the Board need not be 'independent' – they could come from 'within' the BMC. There had previously been an incorrect assumption that SE required us to appoint an Independent Chair.
- Nominated Directors – BMC can seek appointments from other stakeholders / partner organisations.
- Various compromises reached including establishing a MOU between Board and NC. Majority of NC members voted in favour National Council Amended Articles. MA and JP abstained owing to response of area at the last meeting.

A second set of articles has been submitted by a different group. There is a choice at the AGM.

Members are encouraged to vote since 75% is required in favour of one set of articles for them to be adopted.

John Roberts has submitted a motion so that if no articles are adopted, the BMC will continue work on a proposal in the spirit of the ORG before returning to members.

Feedback given by members about the complication of the voting form.

MA ran through the AGM agenda.

Fliers distributed canvassing Lynn Robinson for President.

Les Ainsworth canvassed in person for President (15 minute presentation followed by questions).

**8. AOB**

None

**9. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018, 19:00, Durham Climbing Centre

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